enough production in the country to meet the demand. In the two pesticides allowed for imports, there is no production of carbaryl in the country and negligible production for Diuron and imports were allowed to meet the domestic demand.

(d) Foreign Exchange was given by the banks on issue of licence by the CCI&E, as per normal procedure. Specific clerance of Department of Economic Affairs was not needed.

North Madras Thermal Power Plant

*476. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T.R. BALU :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) what are the salient features of the North Madras Thermal Power Plant and also its generation capacity;

(b) whether the project has been approved by the Planning Commission and the Central Electricity Authority; if so, when ;

(c) what will be the estimated cost of the Project ;

(d) what is the quantum of loan approved by the Asian Development Bank, what will be the rate of interest and also the terms of repayment; and

(e) how much coal will be required for the plant and what arrangements are being made for the supply of coal for the disposal of coal ash?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (e) The North Madras Thermal Power Project, comprising 3 units of 210 MW each, was techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in March, 1984 and was sanctioned by the Planning Commission in April, 1986 for being executed in the State Setcor by the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) at an estimated cost of Rs. 547.79 crores. The revised estimated cost of the project is Rs. 721.00 crores.

The Asian De velopment (ADB) Bank have extended a loan of US$ 150 million for the first two units of 210 MW each of the North Madras Thermal Power Project. The loan is to be repaid over a period of 25 years, including a grace period of 5 years. The rate of interest is determined in accordance with the pool-based variable landing system (present lending rate is 6.53% per annum) plus commitment charges of 0.75% per annum. The 3rd unit of 210 MW has been appraised by the ADB recently for providing loan assistance.

The coal linkage for 3×210 MW units of North Madras Thermal Power Project has been given from Talcher Coalfield. The total coal requirement for these units, when commissioned, is expected to be about 2.7 million tonnes per annum. M/s. Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) who were commissioned by the TNEB to carry out a study on the least cost solution for coal transportation for the proposed station have recommended the trans-

portation of coal from Talcher Coalfield by rail-cum-sea route through Paradeep Port as the most economical alternative. Until arrangements for movement of coal by rail-cum-sea route are finalised, coal would be moved from the Talcher Coalfields to the North Madras Station by all rail route.

The TNEB have earmarked two areas for inland ash disposal, one measuring 70 hectares adjacent to the site of the thermal power station and the other measuring 430 hectares located further South of the power plant. It is proposed by the Board to build suitable ash dyke/bund for retaining ash.

Forum for the Grievances of Public Sector Officers

*477. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no forum for the redressal of grievances of public sector officers;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to create such a forum;

(c) whether Government propose to extend the jurisdiction of the Central Administrative Tribunal for the officers of the public sector undertakings; and

(d) if so, what are the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b). A model scheme for grievance redressal procedure for staff and officers of the PSUs has already been evolved by the Government for adoption by PSUs with or without modification as appropriate to the enterprises concerned. The scheme also provides for setting up of the grievance redressal committee at unit/regional level. Most of the PSUs are having adequate mechanism for the redressal of grievances of their officers and staff.

(c) and (d) A provision has been made in the Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985 to bring PSU's/Corporations/Societies under the Central Government, within the purview of the Central Administrative Tribunal by issue of a notification under Section 14(2) of the Administrative Tribunal Act. The issue of such notification covering PSUs may be considered by Government as and when the Tribunal is fully equipped to take on the extra work load.

Investments in Public Sector Units

*478. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any fresh investments in the public sector units ;

(b) if so, the total investments made so far during 1987-88;

(c) whether Government are taking steps to ensure that all fresh investments in the public sector do not go to the loss incurring enterprises; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?